

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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ATMOSPHERE HEAT TREATMENT COCATALYST, METHOD OF ITS APPLICATION,
HEAT TREATMENT METHOD AND
HEAT TREATMENT ATMOSPHERE OF USING THE COCATALYST

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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15 by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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Not Applicable

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Technology Area

The present invention involves a kind of atmosphere heat treatment cocatalyst and its application. In heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment, the 25 cocatalyst is dispersed into the atmosphere material or atmosphere in the form of a gas phase or a very fine dispersion (such as a dispersion of motes or small particles), or it the cocatalyst can release a substance with a function similar to that of the cocatalyst. The present invention also involves various heat treatment methods using said cocatalyst and said method.

Technology background

The term heat ~~Heat~~ treatment atmosphere, generally refers to a heat treatment protection atmosphere and a chemical heat treatment atmosphere, ~~and consists of generally comprises~~ H_2 , N_2 , CO , a small amount of CH_4 , CO_2 , H_2O , ~~and~~ NH_4 as well as unsaturated hydrocarbons.

5 Almost all carbon compounds can decompose or react with water and air at high temperature to create a heat treatment atmosphere. Carbon compounds that can be heat treatment atmosphere materials ~~such as~~ include Methanol, Ethanol, N-butyl Alcohol, Lopropylalcohol, Acetone, Ethyl acetate, Aniline, Toluene, Xylenes, Kerosene, charcoal, Activated carbon, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, Natural gas, Coal gas, etc.

10 When carbon compounds are used as heat treatment atmosphere material, their functions are accordant. In other words, certain carbon compounds are provided and decomposed at high temperature or react with water and air to create a heat treatment atmosphere with H_2 , N_2 , CO and a small amount of CH_4 , CO_2 , H_2O , ~~and~~ NH_4 . Therefore, one kind of material can be replaced by another in practice.

15 In applying existing technology, many aerate (i.e., introduce) an atmosphere material containing H_2O , ~~and~~ air and Methanol into the heat treatment equipment, making use of the heat treatment process to create a heat treatment atmosphere. Many international and Chinese heat treatment enterprises and heat treatment equipment manufacturers have adopted this method.

20 Said method has the advantage of lower investment in equipment initially but as a result of limitations ~~of~~ associated with the workpiece and the heat treatment equipment, higher processing temperatures may not be selected used. A kind of proper method for using a catalyst at the equipment conditions has not been discovered to date. ~~So said~~ Because existing methods exists widely are insufficient ~~of~~ with respect to atmosphere material decomposition and more carbon soot is produced because of use of lower temperatures and a lack of a cocatalyst, 25 production and processing control are much limited and negatively affected.

30 To solve said problem, many international and Chinese heat treatment enterprises and heat treatment equipment manufacturers have adopted the method of increasing providing a sort of special gas-producing facility outside of the heat treatment equipment. The special gas-producing facility is filled with a lot of various shaped cocatalysts (accelerants) having many holes. The principle of the holes is that the cocatalyst material has greater contact with the gas so

that the atmosphere material is brought into ~~to~~ contact with the surface of cocatalyst and be catalyzed during production.

Because the gas-producing facility can be operated at a higher processing temperature and catalysis is used as well, the problem of carbon soot can be solved to certain degree.

5 At present, some have attempted coating the cocatalyst directly on the inside walls of the heat treatment equipment that contact with the atmosphere material, or providing fixtures and inside walls of the furnace made of the material having a catalytic effect and so on expecting to increase atmosphere decomposition and decrease carbon soot, however, the result is not any better than using gas-producing equipment.

10 No matter what kind of equipment is used or what form of atmosphere is employed, reducing carbon soot has always been the ~~dream~~ desire of heat treatment experts. Reducing carbon soot brings a great deal of advantage to production and the processing control. Especially in chemical heat treatment carburizing and carbonitriding, there is a desire to accelerate carburizing speed and production efficiency or lower processing temperature to improve the 15 quality of heat treatment production in high carbon potential control, but because of the effect of carbon soot, the expectation cannot be realized (because it is easy to create carbon soot at a high carbon potential).

20 It is inescapable that carbon soot will be created even with the use of a gas-producing facility with existing technology. Once carbon soot is formed, it attaches on the surface of cocatalysts, obstructs the contact between the atmosphere material and cocatalyst, and affects catalysis and makes cocatalysis harder to realize.

In addition, the cocatalyst (accelerant) has the property of poisoning and aging inescapably during the process; despite ~~we may take a step to inspirit~~ the steps taken to animate the catalyst over time.

25 Whether it is catalyst aging, poisoning or carbon soot attachment on the surface of catalyst that will affect the activation of the catalyst, make carbon soot increase, further decrease catalysis activity or ~~lose the chance of contacting~~ prevent the opportunity for contact with atmosphere material as due to the effect of carbon soot, activation and the production is decreased. Therefore, it is necessary to find a kind of cocatalyst ~~without the effect of~~ that is not affected by aging, poisoning and carbon soot in a heat treatment atmosphere.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Invention content

5 The purpose of the present invention is to ~~invent provide~~ a kind of cocatalyst compound without the effect of that is not affected by aging, poisoning and carbon soot for heat treatment atmospheres and an operational method of using the cocatalyst so that the cocatalyst plays a part of in catalysis and activation in a heat treatment atmosphere formed by an atmosphere material, reduces carbon soot and achieves protective atmosphere heating and chemical heat treatment.

10 Carburizing and carbonitriding can be practiced at a higher carbon potential with less carbon soot as well as and with enhanced efficiency, quality and stability of the heat treatment process, at decreased process cost.

A preferred operational method of practicing the present invention is that a cocatalyst is dissolved or dispersed into a heat treatment atmosphere material and heat treatment atmosphere, 15 and the cocatalyst is maintained in the form of a gas phase or a ~~finer~~ very fine dispersion (such as a dispersion of dust or small particles) and diffused into the atmosphere material and/or atmosphere in the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment. In practicing an embodiment of the present invention, a cocatalyst is dissolved or dispersed directly or indirectly into a heat treatment atmosphere material and a heat treatment atmosphere, and the 20 cocatalyst is maintained in the form of a gas phase or a ~~finer~~ very fine dispersion (such as a dispersion of dust or small particles) and is diffused into the atmosphere material and/or the atmosphere in the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment so that the cocatalyst has a large area of contact of with the largest area with the atmosphere material and the atmosphere, thereby adequately exerting cocatalysis and activation of the cocatalyst.

25 The cocatalysts of the present invention ~~mean to be~~ are preferably such compounds that have induce catalysis of a heat treatment atmosphere and activation of a heat treatment atmosphere or release a ~~kind of~~ substance having the same function of ~~said substance in under~~ the process conditions of heat treatment.

30 In the present invention, the term 'finer very fine dispersion' means particles or fluid drops that can be suspended in a heat treatment atmosphere for enough time, wherein experts in

this field ~~think~~ would understand that 'enough time' is the time of ~~playing~~ required for the cocatalyst to play an obvious part in catalysis of said reaction, or an equivalent process time.

An ~~implementary practice~~ in embodiment of the present invention provides a kind of heat treatment atmosphere cocatalyst. When the cocatalyst is in the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment, it is in the form of a gas phase or a ~~finer~~ very fine dispersion and diffuses in the atmosphere material or atmosphere. In a concrete practice of a preferred embodiment of this invention, the cocatalyst exists in the form of a gas phase or a ~~finer~~ very fine dispersion, diffuses directly into the heat treatment atmosphere material or heat treatment atmosphere or the cocatalyst is dissolved or dispersed into a kind or kinds of material that acts as a carrying agent and is fed into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with the carrying agent material.

It is worthwhile to say that the present invention is not ~~concrete limitation~~ limited to any atmosphere material, and the atmosphere material can be one or more than one atmosphere material. As long as the cocatalysts can diffuse in the atmosphere material or atmosphere in the form of a gas phase or a ~~finer~~ very fine dispersion in the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment in a heat treatment process, the atmosphere material can be used.

The heat treatment atmosphere materials mentioned for use in present invention are meant to be all known atmosphere materials, for example, Methanol, Ethanol, N-butyl Alcohol, Isopropylalcohol, Xylenes, Toluene, Aniline, Acetone, Ethyl, Acetate, Kerosene, Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas, Natural gas, Coal gas, Nitrogen, or ~~they is~~ any of them added water or air.

In ~~the implementary practice~~ a preferred embodiment of the invention, said cocatalyst is directly dissolved; or dispersed into the heat treatment atmosphere material or heat treatment atmosphere and is aerated into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment.

In ~~the practice~~ a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the cocatalyst is dissolved-or dispersed into a kind of material as heat treatment atmosphere material in advance to make a compound (termed 'carrying agent' in ~~the~~ this text) such as cocatalyst solution. In practice, the compound such as the cocatalyst solution is added into the heat treatment

atmosphere material or cocatalyst solution and is input to the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with the heat treatment atmosphere material.

In implementary practice a preferred embodiment of in the present invention, the cocatalyst is selected from one or an arbitrary combination of a metal element compound which 5 takes 0.0003-0.03% weight in the heat treatment atmosphere material, optimal selection: 0.0003-0.015%, a nitrogen compound which takes 1-10% weight in the heat treatment atmosphere material, optimal selection: 0.1-2%; and a halogen element compound which takes 0.1-4% weight in the heat treatment atmosphere material, optimal selection: 0.1-1%.

Said metal element compound is preferably selected from one of Cobalt naphthenate, 10 Manganese naphthenate, Nickel nitrate, Manganese nitrate, Ferrocene, Ferrocene ramification, or an arbitrary combination thereof. Optimal selection is: Ferrocene and/or Ferrocene ramification.

Said halogen element compound is preferably selected from one of Chlorobenzene, Trichlorobenzene, Chlorotoluene, Nitrochlorobenzene, Trichloroethylene, Tribromomethane, 15 Iodine, Iodinated Oil, Iodomethane, Freone, Tetrafluoroethylene, or a arbitrary combination thereof. Optimal selection is: Chlorobenzene, Trichlorobenzene, Chlorotoluene, Nitrochlorobenzene or their combination.

Said nitrogen compound is preferably selected from one of P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride, Nitrobenzene, Toluene diisocyanate, Nitrochlorobenzene, Nitrobenzene, Trinitrobenzene, Melamine, Tricyanic acid, Dicyandiamide, Guanidine nitrate, 20 Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine, Pyridine, Pyrazole, Pyraze, or their arbitrary combination. Optimum selection is: one of P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride, Nitrobenzene, Toluene, Toluene diisocyanate, Nitrochlorobenzene, Nitrobenzene, Trinitrobenzene, Guanidine nitrate, Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine, or their arbitrary combination.

In a implementary practice preferred embodiment of the invention, the compound of the 25 rare earth lanthanum or the rare earth cerium which takes 0.03-3% weight in the heat treatment atmosphere material can be added to the heat treatment atmosphere material or heat treatment atmosphere. For example, the compound is preferably one of Cerium naphthenates, Lanthanum naphthenates Cerium nitrate, Lanthanum nitrate, Lanthanum chloride, Cerium chloride, lanthanum fluoride, cerium fluoride, Lanthanum Acetate, Cerium Acetate, or their arbitrary

combination. Optimal selection is: Lanthanum Acetate, Cerium Acetate, Lanthanum oxide, Cerium oxide or their arbitrary combination, because they are not eroded in the atmosphere.

With respect to said metal element compound, halogen compound, nitrogen compound and the rare earth (RE) lanthanum or the rare earth (RE) cerium compound, although various 5 concrete examples are stated above, the present invention is not limited to said instances and suits for various chemicals with as the similar properties as similar to said Compounds are also suitable.

10 In another implementary practicee preferred embodiment of the atmosphere heat treatment method, one or more than one of said four kinds of cocatalysts respectively are adopted with different dosages.

Another purpose in the present invention is to provide an atmosphere heat treatment method for metal material. The method is practiced with the cocatalyst or the active atmosphere of its released substance. The cocatalyst diffuses in the atmosphere in the form of a gas or finer a very fine dispersion.

15 In an implementary practice a preferred embodiment of the atmosphere heat treatment invention, the cocatalyst is diffused directly into the heat treatment atmosphere material or heat treatment atmosphere, or the cocatalyst is dissolved or dispersed into the heat treatment atmosphere material in advance to make an admixture, such as a cocatalyst solution. In usage, the admixture such as a cocatalyst solution is added into the heat treatment atmosphere material, 20 or is aerated into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with the heat treatment atmosphere material. In an atmosphere heat treatment practice of the present invention, said cocatalyst is used.

25 In an implementary practice a preferred embodiment of the invention, carburizing and carbonitriding take place in a higher carbon potential, optimal selection: 0.25, better optimal selection: 0.15 carbon potential, or lower obviously temperature, or shorter obviously time in when using said cocatalyst than without using said cocatalyst.

30 An implementary practice A preferred embodiment of the present invention is a heat treating method for a protection atmosphere. The heat treatment processing is practiced with the cocatalyst or the active atmosphere released by the cocatalyst, the cocatalysts diffuse into the said atmosphere in a gas phase or finer in a very fine dispersion.

Another purpose of a preferred embodiment of the present invention is to provide a kind of heat treatment atmosphere for metal material. The atmosphere comprises a cocatalyst and its release substance that both are diffused into the atmosphere material or atmosphere in a gas phase or finer in a very fine dispersion such as suspended dust mote (suspending that is capable of staying suspended for long time) in the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment. The cocatalyst and its release substance play a catalysis role to atmosphere material and activation to the atmosphere in the heat treatment process.

5 The A preferred embodiment of the invention also provides a kind of method of raising heat treatment atmosphere carbon potential and falling decreasing carbon soot, the characteristic consists in comprising adding a kind of or kinds of the cocatalysts into the heat treatment atmosphere or atmosphere material.

10 The A preferred embodiment of the invention also provides a kind of carburizing, carbonitriding or nitrocarburizing method in heat treatment. The characteristic consists in comprises putting a kind of or kinds of said cocatalysts in a heat treatment atmosphere or 15 atmosphere material. Proper amount of ammonia gas is may aerated (i.e., introduced) in carbonitriding or nitrocarburizing.

20 In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a new cocatalyst comes into continuously the environment of a catalyst surroundings and a heat treatment atmosphere together with atmosphere material and participates in the reaction, thereby avoiding the problems of cocatalyst aging, poisoning and the problem caused by carbon soot. etc

In the method stated in this invention, said cocatalyst is aerated to the equipment and is blended fully with the atmosphere material or atmosphere throughout atmosphere cycle system, accordingly achieving the catalysis of the largest area.

25 The direct method includes (but does is not limits limited to) dispersing cocatalyst into a heat treatment atmosphere material and/or atmosphere by various direct means. For example:

1. The cocatalyst is gasified or atomized by a simple gasifying or atomizing system, then is aerated into the heat treatment equipment and heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with atmosphere material, and takes placee part in the reaction.

2. Put the cocatalyst and atmosphere material into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together, making the cocatalyst and the atmosphere material gasify and take part in the reaction ~~in~~ at the high temperature of the equipment.

5 The the indirect method includes (but ~~does~~ is not ~~limits~~ limited to) diffusing the cocatalyst into the heat treatment atmosphere material and/or atmosphere by ~~every~~ any indirect means. For example:

1. The cocatalyst is dissolved, ~~or~~ dispersed into the atmosphere material or material and they are aerated into the equipment together.

10 2. A kind or kinds of materials are selected as carrying agents which do not have a negative effect ~~to~~ on the heat treatment atmosphere or heat treatment process, such carrying agent being one or more than one of Methanol, Ethanol, Aniline, Toluene, Xylenes, Kerosene, Ethanol, N-butylalcohol, Isopropylalcohol, Acetone, Ethyl Acetate, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, Rx-gas, Coal gas, Nitrogen or any of them with water or air added, the cocatalyst is dissolved or dispersed into the carrying agent, then they are input to equipment together with atmosphere material.

15 In the method stated in a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the cocatalyst is aerated into the equipment and is blended fully with atmosphere material or atmosphere throughout atmosphere cycle system, accordingly achieving the catalysis of largest contact area.

20 The cocatalyst used in the present invention preferably includes principally four kinds of cocatalysts as follows:

25 1. All of material that have a catalysis effect in a heat treatment atmosphere formed by an atmosphere material. For example, one or more than one metal element compounds can be selected as the cocatalyst from Cobalt naphthenate, Manganese naphthenate, Nickel nitrate, Manganese nitrate, Ferrocene as well as Ferrocene ramification (such as Tert-butyl Ferrocene, Acetyl Ferrocene, Ferrocenyl ketone, Ferrocene Formic Acid, Butyl Ferrocene etc. Optimal selection: Ferrocene and Ferrocene ramification. The cocatalyst takes 0.0003-0.03% by weight in atmosphere material. Optimal selection: 0.0003-0.015%.

30 2. A halogen element compound which takes 0.1-4% by weight in atmosphere material, Optimal selection: 0.1-1%. For example, one or more than one of compounds are selected as the cocatalyst from Chlorobenzene, Trichlorobenzene, Toluene, Chlorotoluene, Nitrochlorobenzene,

Trichloroethylene, Tribromomethane, Iodine, Iodinated Oil, IodoMethane, Freone, Tetrafluoroethylene. Optimal selection: Chlorobenzene, Trichlorobenzene, Nitrochlorobenzene. The halogen element compound can release ions at high temperature, and the ions combine with the hydrogen in the atmosphere to create halogenated hydrogen which can activize the surface of the workpiece and speed up a chemical heat treatment reaction at the phase interface. In order to control the corrosion of halogenated hydrogen to proper limit, it is better to select a ~~more~~ lower dosage. (There is use of some of said material in existing technologies, but the dosage is ~~big~~ high, thereby affecting the measurement signal measure of the carbon potential sensor probe, limiting its the application is limited).

10 3. A nitrogen compound which takes 1-10% by weight in the atmosphere material, optimal selection: 0.1-2%. For example, one or more than one of compounds are selected as the cocatalyst from P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride, Nitrochlorobenzene, Nitrobenzene, Trinitrobenzene, Melamine, Tricyanic acid, Dicyandiamide, Guanidine nitrate, Nitrobenzene, Toluene, Toluene diisocyanate, Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine, Pyridine, Pyrazole, Pyraze.

15 Optimal selection: P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride, Nitrobenzene, Toluene, Toluene diisocyanate, Nitrochlorobenzene, Nitrobenzene, Trinitrobenzene, Guanidine nitrate, Cyclotrimethylene trinitramine. In carburizing and carbonitriding in chemical heat treatment, the cocatalyst releases active nitrogen during heat treatment processing to accelerate each others reactions with the carbon in atmosphere.

20 4. Using three kinds of said cocatalysts, it is ~~better~~ preferred to add a RE(lanthanum) compound or a RE(cerium) compound which takes 0.03-3% by weight in the atmosphere material or atmosphere fed into the heat treatment equipment ~~into atmosphere material or atmosphere~~. One of the compounds can be selected such as from Cerium naphthenates, Lanthanum Naphthenates, Cerium nitrate, Lanthanum Nitrate, Lanthanum chloride, Cerium chloride, Lanthanum fluoride, Cerium fluoride, Lanthanum acetate, Cerium acetate, Lanthanum oxide, or Cerium oxide. Optimal selection: Lanthanum acetate, Cerium acetate, Lanthanum oxide, and Cerium oxide. ~~To select~~ The reason for making an optimal selection is for decreasing corrosion

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The present invention is suitable for heat treatment atmosphere producing and heat treatment production. Heat treatment atmosphere comprising H₂, N₂, CO as well as a small number of the compounds CH₄, CO₂, H₂O and NH₄ that are made of ~~atmosphere materially by~~

any useful material. The four kinds of said cocatalysts in the present invention have equal functions in operation. One or more than one of the combinations can be used in chemical heat treatment. The metal element compound should be selected mostly for protective atmosphere heating or protective atmosphere producing.

5 Making use of the method stated in the present invention, it ~~can be achieved~~ is possible to raise the gas-producing quantity of a heat treatment atmosphere material, reduce carbon soot, lower processing temperature of chemical heat treatment and speed up carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing in chemical heat treatment.

Making use of the present invention can ~~obtain the achievements~~ achieve as the following:

10 1. Atmosphere material can be decomposed fully, carbon soot is decreased and gas-producing quality tends to be stable in heat treatment.

2. The ~~controllable~~ controllability ~~property~~ and the stability of the heat treatment process is strengthened increased.

15 3. ~~It can be leaved out to~~ Investment in a heat treatment atmosphere generator, can be avoided and atmosphere material and energy sources resources can be saved.

4. ~~The carbon~~ Carbon soot is ~~hardly~~ minimally created at higher atmosphere carbon potential in heat treatment.

5. Process temperature in chemical heat treatment can be lowered by about 50 degree C, thereby fining metallography microscopic metal structures, reducing the distortion of workpiece.

20 6. Carburizing and carbonitriding can be speeded up more than about 40% at the same process temperature with ordinary chemical heat treatment, obviously increasing efficiency of production and saving electricity costs.

25 Further aspects of the invention will become apparent from consideration of the drawings and the ensuing description of preferred embodiments of the invention. A person skilled in the art will realize that other embodiments of the invention are possible and that the details of the invention can be modified in a number of respects, all without departing from the concept. Thus, the following drawings and description are to be regarded as illustrative in nature and not restrictive.

The features of the invention will be better understood by reference to the accompanying drawings which illustrate presently preferred embodiments of the invention. In the drawings:

Fig. illustrates

5 Fig 1 is a sketeh schematic block diagram that illustrates the cocatalyst being gasified and atomized by a gasifying atomizing system and entering the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with atmosphere material.

10 Fig.2 is a sketeh schematic block diagram that illustrates the cocatalyst and the atmosphere material entering the heat treatment equipment or the heat treatment gas-producing equipment together.

15 Fig.3 is a sketeh schematic block diagram that illustrates the cocatalyst being dissolved and dispersed into the atmosphere material, and aerated into the heat treatment equipment together with atmosphere material.

Fig.4 is a sketeh schematic block diagram that illustrates the cocatalyst being dissolved or dispersed into a carrying agent and aerated into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment together with atmosphere material.

20 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Example of Practice (method and compound)

25 In the atmosphere material (except Methanol) enumerated below, one a kind or kinds of carbon compound can be used as the atmosphere material. The carbon compounds are Kerosene, Ethanol, N-butyl alcohol, Isopropylalcohol, Xylenes, Toluene, Aniline, Acetone, Ethyl acetate, Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas, Natural gas, and Coal gas.

A. Method and contrast: (hatching part in attached drawing is new content increased in original drawing)

1. Fig.1 illustrates a cocatalyst being gasified and atomized by the system 16 and entering into the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment 14 together with the atmosphere material 12.
2. Fig.2 illustrates the cocatalyst 10 and the atmosphere material 12 entering the heat treatment equipment or heat treatment gas-producing equipment 14 together. The cocatalyst and the atmosphere material are gasified together making use of the high temperature of heat treatment.
- 5 3. Fig.3 illustrates the cocatalyst being dissolved, or dispersed into the atmosphere material, and admixture 20 is aerated into the heat treatment equipment 14 together with the atmosphere material.
- 10 4. Fig.4 illustrates selecting a kind of impregnant carrying agent, which does not have a negative effect on the heat treatment atmosphere or heat treatment process. Such as impregnant carrying agent can be selected from below: Methanol, Ethanol, Aniline, Toluene, Xylenes, Kerosene, Kerosene, Ethanol, N-butyl alcohol, Isopropylalcohol, Acetone, Ethyl acetate, DimethylMethane, Butane, RX gas etc. The cocatalyst is dissolved and dispersed into the impregnant carrying agent, and are combination 18 is fed into the heat treatment equipment 14 together with the atmosphere material 12.

15 With existing technology, the catalyst should be activated in heat treatment gas-producing generator in for 30 days, and must be changed in about a year, during which change stopping the equipment is required. With the preferred embodiments of the present invention, it should not be necessary to spend extra time to specially activate and change the cocatalyst. In original technology, the temperature of the gas-producing equipment should be controlled at above 20 1000°, so that gas-producing quality is stable and desirable. The atmosphere is maintained in the range $\text{CO}_2 \leq 0.5\%$ and $\text{CH}_4 \leq 0.04\%$. Adopting the cocatalyst of the present invention, the lowest heat treatment temperature can be decreased to about 800°, while achieving the same gas-producing quality.

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- a) Natural gas and air are aerated into the heat treatment gas-producing equipment filled with a background art Nickel catalyst at 1050°C, with the heat treatment equipment run successively for 35 days. CO_2 is 0.43% and CH_4 is 0.038% in the atmosphere through measure; Run successively heat treatment equipment for 40 days, CO_2 is 0.63%; CH_4 is 0.1% in the atmosphere. It is shown that the catalyst was

poisoning severely. Taking out the catalyst, the catalyst had been surrounded almost completely.

b). Natural gas, air and a cocatalyst compound in present invention are aerated into the heat treatment gas-producing generator together without an accelerant at 950°, and the atmosphere is checked. After running successively for 35days, the CO₂ of the atmosphere is 0.33%, CH₄ is 0.03%, after run successively in 45days, the CO₂ of the atmosphere is 0.35%, CH₄ is 0.03%, after run successively in 60 days, the CO₂ of the atmosphere is 0.34%, CH₄ is 0.03%.

6. In chemical heat treatment with existing technology, the highest carbon potential is less than 1.25% under a 920° process temperature, the highest carbon potential is less than 1.15% under a 880° process temperature, the highest carbon potential is less than 1.05% under a 850° process temperature, unless the carbon potential control using a oxygen probe fails as a effect of carbon soot and production would not continue. Using the method and cocatalyst of a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the higher carbon potential can be increased by about 0.20% and carbon soot is not raised. Refer to Table 1.

7. Example: Natural gas and air are aerated into a 90kw pit furnace or a 600 type of multi-furnace, using an oxygen probe to control atmosphere carbon potential, turning off the auto carbon-burning switch, testing oxygen probe failure time in different temperature carbon potential and with adding and not adding the cocatalyst compound of the present invention. The result is shown in Table 1.

Table 1

	Temperature	Carbon Potential	Cocatalyst	Failure time of oxygen probe	Hardness depth in 4hours strengthen carburizing (mm)		
					20	20Cr	20CrMnTi
1	920°C	1.25%	N	<1hour	0.84	0.87	0.89
			Y	>1hour	0.99	1.03	1.05
		1.40%	N	<0.5hour	0.70	0.73	0.75
			Y	>1hour	1.33	1.35	1.39
2	880°C	1.15%	N	<1hour	0.70	0.72	0.73

			Y	>1hour	0.83	0.84	0.86	
3	850°C	1.35%	N	<0.5hour	0.59	0.63	0.65	
			Y	>1hour	1.12	1.15	1.19	
			N	<0.5hour	0.53	0.52	0.55	
4		1.00%	Y	>1hour	0.72	0.73	0.76	
			N	<0.5hour	0.51	0.53	0.55	
		1.25%	Y	>1hour	1.00	1.05	1.10	
			N	<0.5hour	0.21	0.22	0.25	
5	830°C	0.75%	Y	>1hour	0.61	0.63	0.65	
			N	<0.5hour	0.21	0.19	0.20	
		1.00%	Y	>1hour	0.74	0.78	0.80	

8. Under the 850°C condition, Natural gas and air are aerated Natural gas into a 90kw pit furnace or a 600-type multi-furnace without cocatalyst compound of the present invention. Atmosphere carbon potential is 1.00% with oxygen probe control. After 15 minutes, the oxygen probe seized up. The reason is that much more carbon covered the oxygen probe. Ten samples with the material being No.20, 20Cr, 20CrMnTi (equivalent 8620 AISI), high 20 mm, diameter 90 mm, were placed respectively in said atmosphere to carry through a Carburizing experiment. The results we discovered through 4 hours of maintaining a temperature are: 1. The carbon thickness attached on the samples reached about 1 mm, 2. Table 1 shows the hardness depth result of three kinds of material.

9. Natural gas and air are aerated into a 90kw pit furnace or a 600 type of multi-furnace respectively under conditions of 920°C, 880°C, 850°C, 830°C without the cocatalyst compound of the present invention, using oxygen probe control atmosphere carbon potential. Ten samples with the material being No. 20, 20Cr, 20CrMnTi, diameter 90mm, height 20mm are placed respectively in the atmosphere to carry through a Carburizing experiment. Table 1 shows the Carburizing result with the three kinds of samples after 4 hours of heat preservation.

10. Natural gas, air and cocatalyst compound of present invention are aerated into a 90kw of pit furnace or a 600 type of multi-furnace respectively under conditions of 920°C, 880°C, 850°C, 830°C, using oxygen probe control atmosphere carbon potential. Respectively put 10 samples

with the material being 20, 20Cr, 20CrMnTi, diameter 90mm, height 20mm into the atmosphere to carry through a Carburizing experiment. The Carburizing result with the three kinds of samples are shown below after 4 hours of heat preservation. 1. There is obviously no carbon soot. 2. The results with three kinds of Carburizing of the samples are shown in Table 1.

5 11. Natural gas, air and cocatalyst compound of the present invention are aerated into a 90kw of pit furnace or a 600 type of multi-furnace together respectively under conditions of 920°C, 880°C, 850°C, 830°C, using oxygen probe control atmosphere carbon potential. Respectively put 10 samples with the material being 20, 20Cr, 20CrMnTi, diameter 90mm, height 20mm into atmosphere that is fed a few ammonia gas to carry through a Carburizing experiment. The results 10 with three kinds of Carburizing of the samples after 4 hours of heat preservation are shown below. 1. There is obviously no carbon soot. 2. The results with three kinds of Carburizing of the samples are shown in Table 1.

12. Aerate Natural gas and air Natural gas into a 105kw pit furnace or 1000 type multi-furnace, carry through the experiment of protect atmosphere heat treatment for 2 hours under conditions 15 of 920°C, 880°C, 850°C, 830°C. The atmosphere-protecting effect is much better after adding the cocatalyst compound of the present invention than before.

13. Aerate Natural gas and air into a 105kw pit furnace or a 1000 type of multi-furnace respectively under conditions of 920°C, 880°C, 850°C, 830°C, control atmosphere carbon potential as 0.85% using a oxygen probe, put respectively 10 samples after carburizing that the 20 material are 20, 20Cr, 20CrMnTi, diameter 90mm, height 20mm to do atmosphere-protecting heating quench experiment for 2 hours. The result is shown that the hardness is higher 1 to 2 degree after adding the cocatalyst compound of the present invention than before, and oxidation decarbonization does not take place.

B. The explanation of cocatalyst application

25 1. The condition, method and result of experiment and contrast in the practice embodiments 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 refer to the practice embodiments 5, 6, 7, 12.

2. The experiment condition, method, measure result and contrast in other practice embodiments refer to the practice embodiments 8, 9, 10, and 11.

3. There is an equivalent function in the compound halogen element in the practice embodiments 30 below such as in that Trichlorobenzene, Chlorotoluene, chlorobenzene, Nitrochlorobenzene

Carbon tetrachloride, Dichloroethane, Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, TTribromomethanemethane, Iodine, Iodinated Oil, Iodomethane, Freone, and Tetrafluoroethylene. They can be replaced with each other in practice.

4. There is an equivalent function in the material such as among the metal element volatile organic compounds that have catalysis to the atmosphere material in the process of high temperature decomposition and oxidation. The materials below can be replaced with each other.

The metal element volatile organic compounds can be Cobalt naphthenate, Manganese naphthenate, Nickel nitrate, Manganese nitrate, Ferrocene as well as Ferrocene ramification (such as Tert-butyl Ferrocene, Acetyl Ferrocene, Ferrocenyl ketone, Ferrocene formic acid, Butyl Ferrocene etc.)

5. There is an equivalent function in the material among the nitrogen volatile organic compounds listed in the practisee embodiments below. The materials below can be replaced with each other.

The nitrogen volatile organic compounds can be P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride, Nitrochlorobenzene, Nitrobenzene, Trinitrobenzene, Melamine, Tricyanic acid, Dicyandiamide, Guanidine nitrate, Aniline, Toluene diisocyanate, Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine, Pyridine, Pyrazole, Pyraze, Formamide, Acetamide, Carbamide, Ammoniumnitrateetc. .

6. The atmosphere carbon potential can be set up with Methanol, water and air in the practisee embodiments below.

7. A cheaper inert gas such as nitrogen gas is may be added to decrease the costs of production, and ammonia gas is aerated to produce carbonitriding in the practisee embodiments below.

C. Examples of the cocatalyst

The practisee Embodiment 1

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add 2% weight of Chlorobenzene into Ethyl acetate as the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practisee Embodiment 2

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add 1% weight of Trichloroethylene into Methanol as the atmosphere material and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 3

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add 4% weight of Chlorotoluene into Methanol as the atmosphere material.

5 The practice Embodiment 4

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Dichloroethane into Methanol or other solvent, aerate it into the furnace together with atmosphere material together and control the weight of Dichloroethane to be 0.1% of atmosphere material fed into the furnace using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

10 Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 5

It can accelerate carbonizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Freone which takes 2% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into the gas phase material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX gas, Natural gas and Coal gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

15 air to set up a carbon potential using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX

gas, Natural gas and Coal gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 6

It can accelerate carbonizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cerium flouride (with the double function of rare earth and halogen) which takes 1.3% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Ethanol as the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

20 and air to set up a carbon potential using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX

gas, Natural gas and Coal gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 7

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Lanthanum flouride (with the double function of rare earth and halogen) which takes 1.9% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol as the atmosphere material and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

25 and air to set up a carbon potential using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethyl methane, Butane, RX

gas, Natural gas and Coal gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 8

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Cerium naphthenates which takes 2% of

weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Trichloroethylene which takes 1% of the atmosphere material into Methanol and Benzene as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 9

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Tribromomethane and Lanthanum nitrate into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material and control the weight of Tribromomethane to be 1% of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the weight of Lanthanum nitrate to be 0.6% of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 10

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Iodine which takes 1.5% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium naphthenates which takes 1.5% of weight in the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace with atmosphere material together using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material

The practice Embodiment 11

Add Cobalt naphthenate that takes 0.015% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into kerosene as the atmosphere material to make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment protection. It can decrease carbon soot and increase gas-producing quantity.

The practice Embodiment 12

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Manganese naphthenate which takes 0.02% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Toluene as the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 13

Add Manganese nitrate that takes 0.01% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol as the atmosphere material to make heat treatment atmosphere or process

atmosphere heat treatment protection. It can decrease carbon soot and increase gas-producing quantity.

The practice Embodiment 14

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 5 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Nickel nitrate which takes 0.008% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol as atmosphere material and add Ethyl acetate to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 15

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 10 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Ferrocenyl ketone which takes 0.0003% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol and Acetone as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 16

Using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as 15 the atmosphere material, dissolve Cobalt naphthenate into Acetone or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, control the quantity of Cobalt naphthenate to be 0.005% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, add Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential, make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment protection. It can decrease carbon soot and increase the atmosphere-producing quantity.

The practice Embodiment 17

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 20 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Nickel nitrate into Methanol or other solvent, aerate it into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Nickel nitrate to be 0.0008% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the 25 atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 18

It can decrease carbon soot, increase gas-producing quantity to diffuse Butyl Ferrocene 30 which takes 0.008% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into the gas phase, aerate it into the furnace together with atmosphere material, add Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential and make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment

protection using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 19

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 5 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse acetyl ferrocene which takes 0.004% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into the gas phase and aerate it into the furnace together with the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 20

10 It can decrease carbon soot, increase gas-producing quantity to add Ferrocenyl ketone which takes 0.03% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Lanthanum chloride which takes 3% weight of the atmosphere material into Acetone as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential and make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment protection.

The practice Embodiment 21

15 ~~Cerium chloride~~ It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Ferrocene formic acid which takes 0.0003% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium chloride which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Xylenes as the atmosphere material and add 20 Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 22

It can decrease carbon soot, increase gas-producing quantity to add butyl ferrocene which takes 0.03% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Lanthanum nitrate which takes 0.6% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material to make 25 heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment protection.

The practice Embodiment 23

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.002% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium nitrate which takes 3% weight of the

atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 24

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 5 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.08% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Lanthanum nitrate which takes 0.1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and Ethyl acetate as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 25

It can decrease carbon soot, increase gas-producing quantity to dissolve Manganese 10 nitrate and Lanthanum naphthenates into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material and control the weight of Manganese nitrate to be 0.01% of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the weight of Lanthanum naphthenates to be 0.5% of the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential to make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment protection using one of 15 Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material

The practice Embodiment 26

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, 20 carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Lanthanum acetate and Cerium acetic acid into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material and control the weight of Lanthanum acetate to be 0.003% of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the weight of Cerium acetic acid to be 1% of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 27

It can decrease carbon soot, increase gas-producing quantity to diffuse Ferrocene which 30 takes 0.0015% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium naphthenates which takes 0.3% of weight in the atmosphere material into the gas phase, aerate it into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water or air to set up a carbon potential to make heat treatment atmosphere or process atmosphere heat treatment

protection using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 28

5 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse acetyl ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium naphthenates which takes 1.5% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase as the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethane, Butane, RX gas, coal gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 29

10 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add P-amino-azobenzene hydrochloride which takes 0.002% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into kerosene as the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 30

15 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Pyrazewhich takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol as the atmosphere material and add N-butyl alcohol to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 31

20 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Methanol and kerosene as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 32

25 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Acetamide into Methanol or other solvent, aerate it into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Nickel nitrate to be 6% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 33

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Formamide which takes 3% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into gas phase, aerate it into the furnace together with the atmosphere material and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 34

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cerium oxide which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and pyrazole which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Isopropylalcohol as atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 35

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Lanthanum oxide which takes 1.2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and melamine which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 36

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Cerium oxide which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Dicyandiamide which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and N-butyl alcohol as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 37

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Pyridine and Cerium naphthenates into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Pyridine to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the quantity of Cerium naphthenates to be 0.6% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 38

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cerium naphthenates which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 39

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.003% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and chlorobenzene which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Ethyl acetate as the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 40

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Nickel nitrate which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Trichloroethylene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 41

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Ferrocene which takes 0.0009% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Chlorotoluene which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and kerosene as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 42

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese nitrate and Dichloroethane into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, control the quantity of Manganese nitrate to be 0.01% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the quantity of Dichloroethane to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material using

one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 43

5 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Freone which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 44

10 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate takes 0.009% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Cerium naphthenates which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material and Nitrochlorobenzene which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Ethanol as the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 45

15 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate takes 0.07% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Lanthanum nitrate which takes 0.9% weight of the atmosphere material and Trichloroethane which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 46

20 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Ferrocene takes 0.001% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Cerium naphthenates which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Trichloroethylene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material.

5 The practice Embodiment 47

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese naphthenate, Tribromomethanemethane, and Lanthanum nitrate into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Manganese naphthenate to be 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, the quantity of Tribromomethanemethane to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material and the quantity of Lanthanum nitrate to be 0.6% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

10 The practice Embodiment 48

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Iodine which takes 1.5% weight of the atmosphere material and Cerium naphthenates which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into the gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material.

15 The practice Embodiment 49

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Iodinated oil takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Guanidine nitrate which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

20 The practice Embodiment 50

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Tribromomethanemethane takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Nitrobenzene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

25 The practice Embodiment 51

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Iodomethane takes 2% weight of the

atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Tricyanic acid which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and kerosene as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 52

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Tetrafluoroethylene and Tricyanic acid into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace with the atmosphere material together, control the quantity of tetrafluoroethylene to be 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the quantity of tricyanic acid to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 53

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Carbon tetrachloride which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Toluene diisocyanate which takes 3% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 54

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Lanthanum naphthenates which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Iodinated oil which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Nitrochlorobenzene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 55

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cerium chloride (with the double function of rare earth and halogen) which takes 1.6% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Nitrobenzene which takes 1% of weight in the atmosphere material into Methanol as atmosphere material and add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 56

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Lanthanum naphthenates which takes 1.6% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Nitrochlorobenzene (with 5 double function of rare earth and halogen) which takes 1% of weight in the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 57

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Carbon tetrachloride, Pyridine and Cerium 10 naphthenates into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, control the quantity of Carbon tetrachloride to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, the quantity of Pyridine to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material and the quantity of Cerium naphthenates to be 0.2% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas 15 and Natural gas, etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 58

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Iodomethane which takes 1.1% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Freone which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere 20 material and Cerium naphthenates which takes 0.1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 59

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.002% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and P-amino-azobenzene hydrochloride which takes 2% 25 weight of the atmosphere material into kerosene as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 60

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.02% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Pyrazewhich takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, add N-butyl alcohol to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 61

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Ferrocene ramification which takes 0.0009% of weight in the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine which takes 1% of weight in the atmosphere material into Methanol and kerosene as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 62

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese nitrate and acetamide into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Manganese nitrate to be 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the quantity of Acetamide to be 2% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 63

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Acetyl ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Formamide which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 64

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.002% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Cerium nitrate which takes 2% weight of the

atmosphere material and Pyrazole which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Isopropylalcohol as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 65

5 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.02% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Lanthanum nitrate which takes 1.2% weight of the atmosphere material and Melamine which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as the atmosphere material, add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 66

10 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Ferrocene formic acid which takes 0.0009% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Cerium naphthenates which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material and Dicyandiamide which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and N-butyl alcohol as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 67

15 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese nitrate, Pyridine and Cerium naphthenates into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace with the atmosphere material together, control the quantity of Manganese nitrate to be 0.02% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, the quantity of Pyridine to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material and the quantity of Cerium naphthenates to be 0.6% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 68

20 It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Tert-butyl ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Guanidine nitrate which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material and Cerium naphthenates which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material together.

The practice Embodiment 69

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.003% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Iodinated oil which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material and Guanidine nitrate which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material into acetone as the atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 70

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.002% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Tribromomethanemethane which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Nitrobenzene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as atmosphere material, add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

The practice Embodiment 71

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add respectively Ferrocene which takes 0.004% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Iodomethane which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and tricyanic acid which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and kerosene as atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 72

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese nitrate, tetrafluoroethylene and tricyanic acid into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace with atmosphere material together, control the quantity of Manganese nitrate to be 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, the quantity of Tetrafluoroethylene to be 2% weight of the atmosphere material and the quantity of tricyanic acid to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as the atmosphere material.

The practice Embodiment 73

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Manganese naphthenate which takes 0.003%

weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, toluene which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Toluene diisocyanate which takes 3% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, and add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential.

5 **The practice Embodiment 74**

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate which takes 0.003% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Lanthanum naphthenates which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Trichlorobenzene which takes 0.004% weight of the atmosphere material into kerosene as atmosphere material, add Methanol, water and air to set up a carbon potential or add ammonia gas.

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The practice Embodiment 75

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Cobalt naphthenate takes 0.02% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Cerium chloride (instead of rare earth and halogen) which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material and Nitrobenzene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol as atmosphere material, add kerosene to set up a carbon potential.

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The practice Embodiment 76

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add Butyl ferrocene which takes 0.0009% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Lanthanum naphthenates which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material, Carbon tetrachloride which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Trinitrobenzene which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and Kerosene as atmosphere material, add Methanol ,water and air to set up a carbon potential.

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The practice Embodiment 77

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve Manganese nitrate, Carbon tetrachloride, Pyridine and Cerium naphthenates into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with atmosphere material, control the quantity of Manganese nitrate to be 0.01% weight of the

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atmosphere material fed into the furnace, the quantity of Carbon tetrachloride to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material, the quantity of Pyridine to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material, the quantity of Cerium naphthenates to be 0.2% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane, RX gas and Natural gas etc. as the atmosphere material.

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The practice Embodiment 78

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Butyl Ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, Iodomethane which takes 1.1% weight of the atmosphere material, Freone which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Cerium naphthenates which takes 0.1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material.

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The practice Embodiment 79

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to diffuse Butyl Ferrocene which takes 0.006% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace, P-Amino-Azobenzene Hydrochloride which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material, Freone which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material and Cerium naphthenates which takes 0.1% weight of the atmosphere material into gas phase, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material.

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The practice Embodiment 80

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add the Chlorobenzene which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace into Ethyl acetate as the atmosphere material, adding Methanol, Water and Air to set up a carbon potential.

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The practice Embodiment 81

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to add the Iodomethane which takes 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and Ammonium nitrate which takes 1% weight of the atmosphere material into Methanol and Kerosene as the atmosphere material.

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The practice Embodiment 82

It can accelerate carburizing and lower processing temperature in carburizing, carbonitriding and nitrocarburizing to dissolve the Tetrafluoroethylene and Carbamide into Methanol or other solvent, aerate them into the furnace together with the atmosphere material, control the quantity of Tetrafluoroethylene to be 2% weight of the atmosphere material fed into the furnace and the quantity of Carbamide to be 1% weight of the atmosphere material using one of Methane, Ethane, Dimethylmethanemethane, Butane,RX gas as the atmosphere material.

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